Its Trial Begun in the Law and Equity Court Yesterday.

WHY SHE WAS DISCHARGED.

the Letter of Messes. Miller & Rhoads is Put in Evidence.

ESS. TODD'S EMPHATIC DENIAL.

she isserts That She Did Not Recom-That the Young Lady Be Put Interview in the Store-The Day's Details and Incidents,

of the suit brought by Miss. H. Gibson against Mrs. Thomas J. signs for alleged defamation of ne loss of position nd the entire day. in the examination of wit Minor presided, and Messrs. and Garland Poliand apdefendint, while Messrs.

the court-room was most ather impressive. The crowded to its doors with cring of belies and gentles faces were depicted the they felt in the proceed-crown indeed the great crown indeed the great sharp for the great sharp for the great crown indeed the first sharp for the great sharp for th mitter used in the letter was used unadvisculty, and he merely supposed that the
taches were a committee from the GraceStreet church, and it was on that supposition that he discharged Miss Gibson. Mr.
J. Told and Mr. Gates asked him
about two months after Miss Gibson's
discharge to take her back in their employ, but this was not done.
The plaintiff closed her case temporarily unon the conclusion of Mr.
Rhoalis's testimony, and a few moments
was given the defendam's counsel for

r lawyers in the case dat not par, but had tables within the despre in front of the Judge's nd their clients sat behind them. a and their citeris sat teams young, Gibson, a rather handsome young with light hair and blue eyes, the set in the case, sat immediately hereir. Merelith, and her mother, an lady, with black hair and pleasant

baside for, dd eccuried a coat just behind at which her counsel sat, and ndant in the suit. Hev. Dr. William Hatcher sat to her left, will to the arrangement of the courtmethy principals.

extent that her good name and she could find no em-ife asked that damages be to addressed the fury, and, tr. Mercalith's statement, en-show the jury that it was ertain standerous charges W. E. Hatcher, or if it at Mrs. Told made to sug-Miss Gitson be discharged.

TNESSES EXCLUDED.

of Miss Gibson be disched find for the defendant.

Goddin called at the store Rhoads one day in March or Miss Gibson. He told live were two Misses Gibthey wanted to see. On the ay, when Mrs. Todd, Mrs. 8 Van Buren, and Mrs. Bed on the members of the witness) was standing near

uisa H. Gibson, the plaintiff, out on the stand. She testified past five years, up to las had been constantly em-saleslady, and earned her reby. She had been at Mil-is about one year. The first he had that Mrs. Todd and

hen plaintiff arrived in the Hatcher was in there, but vas not Mrs. Hatcher soon ber, and brought Mrs. Van its. Goddin, also. Mrs. God-Hatcher takes things from

even heard any such thing Mrs. Todd then interjected LETTER OF DISMISSAL.

three days after this she was had the following letter was a scaled envelope, with

RICHMOND, VA., March 30, 1896. We regret very much the circum-

Stances which compel us to take this step, but find it will be best for all parties concerned that your services should discontinue with us from this date.

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We have no positive proof that you are guilty of the charge against you, but it is credited to you by a committee, rep-resenting a strong organization, among which are numbered a great many of our customers, and we must, of course, pursue the course which will help us retain their good will and patronage, and this course is the only one open for us, "Yours truly, (Signell) "MILLER & RHOADS."

Mr. Carter objected to the admission of this letter, but his objection was over-

ture, and Miss Gibson, when court re-convened again, took the stand and was

counsel. Miss Gibson testified that she did not hear Mrs. Hatcher say anything. She was paid & per week by Miller &

ness examined. She was last March and is now employed by Miller & Rhoads. She was in the store both on Monday and Wednesday when Mrs. Todd and the other ladies called. She was present when Mr. Miller sammoned Miss Gibson to the office on Wednesday and told Miss Gibson that she reckoned that was more about that Hatcher matter. The defence had no questions to ask her.

Mr. W. S. Rhouse was examined next, and testified that he was present during the greater part of the interview between Miss Gibson and the other lades. He heard Mrs. Tood ask if Miller & Rhoads kept any one in their employ who talked about customers, or if they would do so. He was uncertain which she said. He dentified the letter already submitted

testified to being in the party at Miller & Rhoads's, and said that she was naked to go by Mrs. Hatcher through Mrs. Told. She first heard Mr. Miller ask Miss Gibto Airs, state her, and receiving a negative reply, he turned and asked Mrs. Hatcher if she didn't say there was some person present to whom she had made the state-ment about Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Goddin then stated that she was the person to

then stated that she was the person to whom the statement was made by Miss Gibson, and she detailed exactly what Miss Gibson is alleged to have said.

The first thing she heard Mrs. Todd say was "Miss Gibson, did Cohen teil you anything about this when you were in his store?" "No." Miss Gibson replied. "Veil," asked Mrs. Goddin, "did you hear anything about Mrs. Hatcher in Cohen's store." "Yes," was the reply. Mrs. Goddin then asked Miss Gibson to tell her who, it was, but Miss Gibson to tell her who, it was, but Miss Gibson to tell her Mrs. Told then turned to Mr. Miller and said: "You wouldn't keep anybody in your store who talked about your cus-

the told Mr. Miller that she didn't think he would like to have this gossip, had reference to Miss Plournov's remark to Miss Gibson. She answered in the af-

# MRS. HATCHER CALLED.

Mrs. W. E. Hatcher was now called to the stand, and gave her testimony in a ciear, distinct, and succinct manner. She stated that as soon as she heard there was a rumor rife affecting her reputation was a rumor rife affecting her reputation she begin an investigation, and ascortained that Mrs. Goddin had heard the rumor. She got Mrs. Todd to go with her, and called on Mrs. Goddin. That lady expressed great regret that she had ever repeated the rumor. She said that a lady at the lace counter in Miller & Rhoads's told her that when she was hving at Cohen's Mr. Cohen told her that Dr. Hatcher had told him that his wife, was a kleptomaniae, and when she that Dr. Hatcher had told him that his wife was a kleptomaniae, and when she took anything to just charge it to him. Mrs. Goddin didn't know the name of the young lady who told her this.

Mrs. Hatcher said that she, Mrs. Van Buren, Mrs. Told, and Mrs. Goddin went to the church for a conference. They

buren, Mts. 10da, and Mrs. Goddin went to the church for a conference. They decided that Mrs. Hatcher should go in the store of Miller & Rhoads and make arrangements, and the others should wait

This they did, and Mrs. Hatcher had Miss Gibson summoned and repeated Mrs. Goldin's statement to Mr. Rhoads. Miss Gibson, Mrs. Hatcher testified, said in a nervous fashion, "I didn't say anything

Gibson, Mrs. Hatcher training about you, Mrs. Hatcher."

Mrs. Hatcher said she told Mr. Rhoads as she left the store that she hoped he wouldn't discharge Miss Gibson. Mr. Rhoads replied: "Ah, but we must keep our store cleat."

Mr. Pollard attempted to draw from Mrs. Hatcher a statement of what Mrs. Mrs. Hatcher a statement of what Mrs. Todd said to Mr. Miller, and a sit be-tween himself and Mr. Meredith ensued.

COULDN'T REMEMBER. The examination was finally resumed, and Mrs. Hatcher asserted that she couldn't remember what Mrs. Todd sail. She was put through a rigid cross-examination by Mr. Meredith, and said that several times she and her friends and their husbands gathered in the study of Grace Street church, and discussed the

of Grace-Street church and discussed the at the conclusion of Mrs. Hatcher's tertimony a recess for dinner was taken until 4.15 o'clock.

MRS. GODDIN'S TESTIMONY. MRS. GODDIN'S TESTIMONY.

The court reconvened prompily on time, and Mrs. Goddin took the stand. She testified that her name was Mary E. Goddin, and that she was not a member of Dr. Hatcher's church. In August, 1894, Miss Gibson waited on her in Millier & Rhoads's store, and asked her if she was a Baptist; if she knew Mrs. Hatcher, and if she knew she had kleptomania. Receiving a negative reply to all her questions, Miss Gibson then volunteered the information that when she was at

Receiving a negative reply to an equestions, Miss Gibson then volunteered the information that when she was at cohen's. Mr. Cohen notified his clerks that Dr. Hatcher had told him that whenever his wife took anything from the counter to charge it to him, and he would pay for it.

The witness then detailed the interview had with Miss Gibson by the four ladies, and, coming down to Mrs. Todd's statement to Mr. Miller, she quoted her as having said: "Mr. Miller, there is evidently gossip going on in your store, and I know you don't approve of it." She stated that she heard all Mrs. Todd said, and that she did not ask for Miss Gibson's discharge, or in any manner suggest that she be discharged.

Mrs. Goddin was then taken in hand by

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI.

ler & Rhoads's office, denied positively having said anything about Mrs. Hatcher, and denied that she had been told any-thing about that lady by Mr. Cohen, but admitted having heard something about Mrs. Hatcher in Cohen's store.

FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS. FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS.
This concluded Mrs. Goddin's testimony, and Mrs. Tode was put on the stand. She testified to having been a friend to Mrs. Hatcher for twenty years, and, when Mrs. Hatcher heard the scandalous report about herself she came to witness and asked her to assist her in trying to stop it. She did so, and they finally traced the rumor down to Mrs. Goddin, who told them she got it from a lady staying in Miller & Rhoads's. Mrs. Told then gave in detail an ac-

Mrs. Todd then gave in detail an count of her visit to Miller & Ruca store with Mrs. Goddin, when they were looking for Miss Gibson, in order that Mrs. Goddin might identify her. She also gave an account of the interview with Miss Gibson in Miller & Rhoads's, corroborating in every particular the test mony of Mrs. Goddin and Mrs. Hatcher, DIDN'T SAY IT.

Being questioned by Mr. Carter she de-nied ever having said to Mr. Miller that he ought not to keep any one in his em-ploy who would say any such thing about a customer, and also certed having made any similar remark to Mr. Miller or Mr. Rhoads.

tions very closely, and probed in to va-He had several tilts with the witness but each time she gave him a Roland for

thos his testimony, and a few moments was given the defendant's counsel for consultation.

THE DEFENDANT'S CASE.

Hatcher.

This was objected to by Mr. Meredith.

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The court then, at 6:20 o'clock, adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

### A LETTER FROM JUDGE ORGAIN. He Has a High Opinion of the Citizens of Lunenburg.

In reply to a letter sent to Judge George C. Orgain, of Lunenburg County Court, asking his views on the recent order of the Governor in the matter of sending troops to guard the Pollard murderers if they are taken back there November ifth, the Judge has written that in view of the fact that the cases are pending lov in the Sapreme Court of Appeals it is hardly proper for him to discuss them.

hardly proper for him to discuss them. Judge Orgain continues:
"I will say, however, that when I entered the order requiring the Sheriff of Lanenburg to bring these prisoners before me on the lith of November next I informed him that it was his duty, if he apprehenced any danger for the safety of these prisoners, to summons a sufficient guard of citizens to protect them, as the Sheriff had informed me that he would not ask the Governor for troops, as he had no apprehension of an attempt being made to frinch the prisoners.

had no apprenension of an archap consimale to lynch the prisoners.

I am glad to add that so far as my knowledge goes, there has never been a lynching in Lunenburg county, although the people of this county have on more than one occasion been sorely tried. than one occasion been sorely tried. Although our people have been grossly misrepresented for purposes best known to the authors of the vile standers attered

He thinks that the presence of the military would tend to incite trouble rather than allay it.

# Formulating New Military Laws.

The board of officers appointed some time ago by the Governor for the purpose of preparing and formulating such regulations for the government of the Virginia volunteers as are contemplated in the Code held another meeting in the Adjutant-General's office last night. the Adjutant-General's office last flight. There were present Adjutant-General Anderson, Brigadler-General Phillips, Lieutenant-Colonel Stern, Major Simons, and Lleutenant Knight.

The bulk of the work done was of a routine nature. The board has no money, with which to print the book to contain the royled has also

with which to print the book to contain the revised laws, else it would probably have been published before. The Gov-ernor has, however, offered to assist, as far as he may be able, and the work will, no doubt, be printed before long. The board will meet again to-morrow

# A Pointer.

Young man, tell ber of the beautiful Suit of Furniture you have been looking

at, at the leading Furniture Store,

SYDNOR & HUNDLEY'S,
dwell on the beauties of a room when
adorned with that love of a suit, and then
ask her gently, softly, "Will you be mine," if she don't whisper a loving

# "EXPOSITION FLYER"

# To Atlanta Exposition via Southern

To Atlanta Exposition via Southern Ratiway.

The Southern railway run through sleepers to Atlanta every Tuesday and Thursday, leaving Richmond, 725 P. M. on the "Exposition Flyer," arriving in Atlanta the following morning at 19-25. Ten-day limit tickets sold at 512-60 good on this train. Returning, this train leaves Atlanta every Wednesslay and Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, arriving in Richmond the following morning at 8-25. This train affords the Richmond public elegant service and quickest time to Atlanta. For all information as to rates, time tables, etc., call at City Passenger Office, 220 east Main street. senger Office, 920 east Main street,

# J. C. HORTON, City Passenger Agent.

### ATLANTIC-COAST LINE. Special Pullman-Car Service Rich-

Special Pullman-Car Service Richmond to Atlanta Exposition.
Commencing Tuesday, October 29th, the Atlantic-Coast Line will run through sleeper from Richmond to Atlanta, leaving Richmond Tuesdays and Thursdays each week at 7:13 P. M.; arriving in Atlanta at 12 noon next day. Returning, leaving Atlanta Wednesdays and Saturdays, arriving in Richmond Thursdays and Sandays, 3:20 A. M. Passengers can remain in sleepers until breakfast time. This will insure Richmond passengers quick service, comfort, and good night-rests going and coming.

This line offers very low rates. Special arrangements will be made for other days in the week.

For further information as to sleeper-reservations, rates, etc., apply to Richmond Comments, No. 80 east

For further information as to sleeper-reservations, rates, etc., apply to Rich-mond Transfer Company. No. 3M east Main street; H. D. Owen, ticket-agent; Union Depot, or C. S. CAMPBELL, Division Passenger Agent, Room 6, Union Depot.

Meeting at Various Points in the State.

BUILDINGS MUST BE RESTORED. That the Universal Sentiment

Resolutions Adopted and Collection Committees Appointed-Gathering in Richmond in December.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., October 50 .- (Special.)-At a meeting of the university local alumni held here to-night, Judge W. S. Barton presided, and John Scott Berry acted as secretary. On motion of Hon, J. L. Marye, a com-

mittee of three-Rev. M. M. Clarke, J. B Sener, and A. W. Wallace-was appointed to draft resolutions. On motion, Mr. Marye was added to the committee, The committee retired, and after some time returned and reported as follows: ized to memoralize the Legislature be the State that only as organizations, but to assemble at Richmond, December 11, 1886, in order that they may bring to Montague examined her, but elicited | bear suitable argument, if any should be Mr. Montague examined her, but elicited that was new. Mr. Montague alluded to a conversation which Mrs. Todd had with a Mrs. Rowe, and asked the witness if she didn't subsequently apologize to Mrs. Rowe. She replied with a property and needed usefuness. The alumi of the University of Virginia resident at Fredericksburg share in the product aproxy which afflicts their

gize to Mrs. Rowe. She replied was greater and the state of the continuing, said, emphatic no, and, continuing, said, resident at Fredericksburg range of the American any one in my life."

That's not me. I never apologized to profound corrow which afflicts their brethren in every State of the American Union, in contemplation of the recent distinction of the rotunda. DR. HATCHER ON THE STAND.

DR. William E. Hatcher was pext called. He testified to being pastor of Grace-Street Baptist church. He was asked if he had heard that there was any indication of purpose on the part of members of his congregation to withdraw their patronage from any firm that kept in their employ a woman who had slandered Mrs. Hatcher.

This was objected to by Mr. Meredith. The court then, at 6.20 o'clock, adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

A LETTER FROM JUDGE ORGAIN. si the character, and fired the zeal of that noble host of Virginians and southerners who have henored their na-tive and by their splendid achievements department of progress.

NEEDS NO ARGUMENT. NEEDS NO ARGUMENT.

The great calamity which is now oppressing her needs no argument or eloquence to rouse the hearts of her sons to take prompt action in providing the means for her relief. Not one of her ten thousand sons who hear her grateful love for the inestinable benefits she has conferred upon them will fail her in this hour of her supreme trial. They will do all that lies within their power by contributions of their money, and their influence in her behalf, and it behooves the Legislature and the people of Virfor prosecuting her grand work of bene-ficence to every interest of human society

# HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.

1. That we profoundly deplore the de-struction of this grand old monument, dear to the hearts of all Virginians. dear to the hearts of all Virginians.

2. That we tender our heartiest sympathy to the faculty and visitors in this tneir peculiarly rights affliction.

3. That we give to each alumnus and friend of the institution in this community an opportunity to contribute to its restoration.

MRS. TODD'S EXACT WORDS.

Submitted by the defence. The greater by the defence was it also did a submitted by Mr. Carter, described bill in its entirity.

Mrs. Van Buren was closely cross-questioned by Mr. Meredith, and askel to give the exact words used in the interview with Miss Gibson. The witness rolliowing gentlemen were sworn the case; Gordon Walfare, C. See, A. S. Crenshaw, John Marcure Perkins, R. A. Taylar, A. S. Crenshaw, John Marcure Perkins, R. A. Taylar, and I do not think you would like the had no comments to make on it. He said, however, that as sure as the first carlogal was in the city yester, and I do not think you would like the had no comments to make on it. He said, however, that as sure as the first carlogal was in the city yester, and I do not think you would like the had no comments to make on it. He said, however, that as sure as the first carlogal was in the city yester, and I do not think you would like the had no comments to make on it. He said, however, that as sure as the restored as near as possible in its former style, and that this committee to memorialize the Legislature be 2 to view with Miss clibson. The witness called to this communication last night, and the nature style and that this committee to memorialize the Legislature to vote a promot and increase of this meeting that the rotunda be sense of this meeting tha

Marye, J. B. Sener, Judge A. W. Wal-lace, and Hon, W. A. Lattle, Jr., and the resolutions were unanimously adopted. John Scott Berry was chosen to col-lect and forward subscriptions.

# DANVILLE ALCUNI.

### A Meeting Held and Solleiting Committee Provided For.

DANVILLE., VA., October 39.-(Special.)-A meeting of the alumni of the ville was held in this city this afterson. Colonel George C. Cabell was elected chairman, and speeches were made by James P. Harrison, Colonel Cabell, A. J. Montague, and Dr. W. L. Resolutions were adopted deploring the

Resolutions were aropers depending in irreparable loss which the State and the United States have sustained in the destruction by fire of the most historic and consecrated building of the univer-sity, with the library and works of sity, with the library and works of science and art, and setting forth that the alumni should sake immediate and united action to effect, as farunited action to effect, as far as pos-sible, the restoration, upon the original plans, of the property destroyed, that to this end all proper influences should to this end all proper intuiences should be exerted to secure from the next Legislature of Virginia an adequate appropriation, and that every alumnus and patriotic clitzen should contribute something to a reparation of the lamentable loss which has befallen alike this august institution and the common resulting.

chairman was empowered to appoint a committee of ten-six alumni and four other citizens-to solicit contribu-

### WILLIAMSBURG ALUMNI ACT. Organization Effected and Resolutions Adopted.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., October 39.-(Special.)-A meeting of the alumni of the university resident in Williamsburg and James City county was held in the college library. Among those present were Rev. Lyman B. Wharton, D. D. (1850-52), Rev. W. P. Davis (3857-59), Professor Thomas J. Stubbs (1865-66), Professor V. F. Garrett (1866-67), Lyon G. Tyler, M. A. 1850-76), Rev. W. T. Roberts (1877-30), Charles E. Bishop, Ph. D. (1881-85), C. W. Coteman (1882-85), and Hon, James N.

Stubbs (185-66).
Rev. W. F. Davis was chosen chairman, and C. W. Coleman, secretary.
The following resolutions were offered and adopted:
Pessived, That the alumni of the Uni-

and adopted:
Resolved, That the alumni of the University of Virginia resident in Williamsburg and James City have heard with deep grief of the appailing calamity which has befailen their Alma Mater.
Resolved, That it becomes every alumnus in the hour of our affliction to come to the aid of the university, the cherished offspring of Thomas Jefferson.
Resolved, That a permanent organization of the alumni be formed, and all alumni of the university resident in the counties of James City, Vork, Elizabeth City, Warwick, Gloucester, Mathews, and Charles City be solicited to become members of this organization, and the organization be considered an association for the counties named.
Resolved, That this meeting appoint a committee of five, who shall co-operate with the alumni throughout the State in restoring the buildings destroyed by the late fire.

### ESTIMATES FOR REBUILDING. The Wish of the Faculty-Contributions-The Injured.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., October 39. Special.)-Several architects, among them McDonald Brothers & Spooner, who drew the plans of the Episcopal church now in course of erection here, visited the now in course of erection here, vistant are university ruins to-day and made an examination of the walls, etc., with a view of preparing estimates of the cost of rebuilding. It is the wish and hope of the university authorities to have the retunds and wings rebuilt and ready for use by next June, and it is also hoped that at least four buildings will take the place of the annex. The faculty will recommend to the Board of Visitors that they provide a steam fire engine, or a stand pipe, to be used in case of fire. The nails used in the rotunda when it was erected under the supervision of Mr. Jefferson were forged by his slaves. The heavy boits and bars were also made in the same manner by Mr. Jefferson's workmen.

### GALT'S JEFFERSON.

The statue of Jefferson, that was car-ried from the ilbrary to the lawn, where it lay until this morning, has been taken to the Brooks Museum and set up, where

it will be safe from all harm.

Professor Echols, the hero of the great fire, is here, there, and everywhere, and, notwithstanding his sufferings, caused by his broken fingers, is attending to his duties as usual. THE SURSCRIPTION.

The subscription list for the university started yesterday by the Daily Progress amount to over \$400, and an amount large-ity in excess of that sum is promised within the next few days.

Lloyd Williams, the medical stu-Mr. Lloyd Williams, the medical stu-dent of Norfolk, who suffered such serious hurr while assisting at the fire, is somewhat better at this writing. It is thought that he injured his spine while helping to carry the statue of Jefferson out of the burning building. Since his illness he has been conscious at short in-tervals only, and has had many spasms. At one time his life was despaired of. He is about 24 years old. During the fire Founting A. Eddins, who was assisting Fountin A. Eddins, who was assisting with the hose in the rotunda, fell down two flights of stairs and injured himself internally, so that his condition is

### THE BUILDING FUND GROWING. Richmond Has Raised Nearly \$10,000 for the University.

The friends of the University of Virginta are rallying to its support manfully. Subscriptions to the building fund are pouring in rapidly, and the managers of the institution are greatly encouraged.

As many persons have inquired to whom subscriptions to the fund for rebuilding the university should be sent, the Disthe university should be sent, the Dis-patch is requested to state that contribu-tions should be sent to Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith, president of the Richmond Chapter, to Mr. Eugene C. Massie, trea-Chapter, to Mr. Eugene C. Massie, trea-surer, or to the public press of this city, who will forward them to the rector of the university, Dr. W. C. N. Randolph, Mr. Meredith received a telegram from Dr. Handolph yesterday saving: "Many thanks to all our friends. We never lost heatt; now we are very hopeful."

THE RICHMOND PLEDGES.

Previously acknowledged ........... \$8,120 09 L. Boutware ..... M. Tyles Wortham ..... Cash ..... V. ..... V. .... V. .... V. ... W. A. Crenshaw ..... V. .... V. .... V. ... Robert Lecky
James Pleasants
Mrs. James Pleasants Mrs. James Pleasants
James N. Boyd
W. G. Stanard
R. L. Winston
Benjamin H. Berry
Mrs. Henry L. Valentine Banko
E. C. Mayo
George K. Lee
Charles E. Smith
J. L. Williams

GENERAL INTEREST AROUSED. GENERAL INTEREST AROUSED.

Messrs. Eurone C. Massie, George
Wayne Anderson, and Edward P. Valentine, the committee appointed by the
Richmond mass-meeting to ask the Virginia papers to open subscription lists,
have issued a circular, in which, after
citing the resolution adopted touching
this subject, they say:

We beg that you will call upon the people of your community to make contri-

citing the resolution adopted touching this subject, they say:

We beg that you will call upon the people of your community to make contributions through your office. Those present at our meeting to-day promptly subscribed 8,195, and we hope to collect a much larger sum from others who were not present. Many of our large contributions have come from gentlemen who were never at the university, and we feel that every citizen of the Commonwealth should be moved to give something. We are confident that an adequate sum can be raised if the newspapers of the State will exert their influence in the cause: and this we are sure you and your brethren of the press will be glad to do. We suggest that you secure as much as possible in cash, publishing the name of each contributor; but to provide for those who are able and wish to give in larger sums we enclose the form of subscription used by us. Please print this form in your paper so that & may be cut out and utilized. We hope the heart of our whole people may be touched, and that a generous hand may be extended by the ladies and children, as well as the men of Virginia.

The New York World of yesterday contained the following letter, signed "Washingtonian": It is said, that there are a quarter of a million persons of southern birth within twenty miles of the New York City Hail. The fire in the University of Virginia gives them opportunity to honor the memory and help the work of the greatest man the South has produced. The existing system of free schools and of popular education in high schools and in universities assisted by the States is based largely on Jefferson's plans and ideas, but he was more interested in the Virginia University than in any other single institution. He wished to make, and he did make it, his monament. The damage done to it by fire ought to be made good at once. While there are Americans left who value the principles of the Declaration of independence the buildings in which its author took such price ought to stand as he left them."

General Dabn

General Dabney H. Maury is a staunch

with the following officers: President. Rev. Lyman B. Wharton; First Vice-President, Dr. V. F. Carrelt; Second Vice-President, Rev. W. F. Davis; Sected with the president of the Examining House of the Exami

### passed through this institution. The University Fire.

(For the Dispatch.)
Oh. orators, departed!
(th. shades of statesmen gone:
Virginia-broken hearted—
A nation left foriorn!

Oh, hailowed halls of learning! Oh, cradle of our State! Thy buildings, in their burning Left thousands desolate.

What though, from out thy ashes, Another dome shall rise— Each column, as it crashes, Leaves only memories, The hurt is past all healing;
We sigh, with nearts dewncast—
Thy beil's and echo pealing
Furewell, thou glorious past!
EDMUND REMPER BROADUS,
October 29, 1885.

# BIG HOTEL BURNED.

### The Lagonda at Springfield, Obio. Yo More-Loss, \$160,000.

SPRINGFIELD, O. October 30.-The Lagonda Hotel was destroyed by fire last night. The building occupied half of one of the principal business blocks of this city, fronting on High and Limestone streets. The blaze originated in the kitchen of the hotel, about 12 o'clock,

kitchen of the hotel, about 12 o'clock, and burned about four hours.
The building was a five-story brick structure, and the finest hostelry in the city. It was owned by John W. Bookwalter, of New York city, once a citizen of Springfield, and a candidate for Governor against ex-Governor Foster when the latter first ran for the office.
The loss on the building and contents I sestimated at \$150,00, partially insured. It was the headquarters of the late Democratic State Convention. On the street-floor were stores which were

Democratic State Convention. On the street-floor were stores which were among the principal shops of the city. The Western Union and Postal Company offices were located there, and were to-tally burned out, thus cutting off tele-graphic communication. The loss to both companies will run up into the thousands, but the exact amount cannot be told at this writing. The occupants of the stores in the black lose about \$50,000, partially insured.

### ARRAIGNED AT NASSAU.

### Refore British Anthorities. NASSUA, N. P., October 30.-The al-

leged American filibusterers, who were tridge from the Bahamas, October 21st, were arraigned before the British authorities here October 23d, on the chargof violating the british foreign enlist-ment act, in using a British West India Island as a basis of operations against the Spanish Government in Cuba, were arratgned again this morning, and the case was further adjourned for eight days. The adjournment was the result of a protest made by United States Consul McLane, upon the ground that the Colonial Government had not exer-cised due diligence in procuring evidence cised due diligence in procuring evidence

against the men.

The names of the five American prisoners, who claim the protection of the American Consul on the ground that they are American citizens, are Antonio M Ruiz, of New York; Severano Galvez, of Key West, Gerario M. Domeneck, and Brasilo Renn, of Philadelphia, and Pablo Menecit, of Brooklyn.

# Vational Bank Fails.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 20.—The First Naffonal Bank of La Grange, Texas, capital \$50,000, falled to-day, As-sets stated at \$134,000; liabilities, \$50,000. sets stated at \$134,000; Habilities, \$70,000. Comparoller Eckels has directed Bank-Examiner Gannon to take charge of the

The ladies of the Retreat for the Sick, who are to conduct a personally chaper-oned excursion to Atlanta, will start from Richmond, November 12th. made arrangements to give a nine-days' trip, three entrance-tickets to the expositrip, three entrance-tickets to the exposi-tion grounds, street-car fare for three days to and from the grounds, a drive over the city, a ride on the electric launch.

The terms for the trip, including rail-road fare, board, and lodging while in Atlanta, will be \$20. The ladies in charge

Atmita, will be \$2. The laddes in charge are Mrs. Anna F. Rahm and Miss Bettle Ellyson. The former has been to Atlanta and perfected all arrangements. Those who contemplate going are re-quested to register at the Refreat for the Sick as soon as possible. the Sick as soon as possible,

Come and see them.

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### Change of Schedule on Southern Rallway. On and after Sunday. November 3d, Trains 37 and 38, known as "Washing-

ton and Southwatern Vestibuled Lim-ited," running between Salisbury and Morristown, will be discontinued. Other trains will run to accommodate the travel, J. C. HORTON, City Passenger Agent.

### THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY For the Cotton-States and Interna-The Only Line Entering the Exposi-

Round trip tickets will be sold from Richmond as follows: Daily, until December 15, 1835, inclusive, with final limit January 7, 1896, 123.25. Daily, until December 15, 1835, inclusive, with final limit twenty (29) days from date of sale 117.05.

of sale, \$17.05.
On Tucsdays and Thursdays of each week until December 24, 1885, inclusive, with final limit ten (10) days from date of sale, \$12.40.

Correspondingly low rates from all other stations. For additional information and

# for steeping-car reservations apply to tick-et agents or at passenger office, 20 east Main street. J. C. HORTON, City Passenger Agent. Mahogany.

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Parties desiring to visit the Atlanta Exposition should arrange to go with the Retreat for the Sick excursion, on November 12th.

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is being shown

# COTTON-STATES EXPOSITION. "Special Rates"-"Atlanta Special"-

Vin the Seaboard Air-Line. Only line running solid trains between Richmond and Atlanta. Pullman buffet sleepers and vestibuled day coaches. No extra fare on vestibule trains. On Tues-days and Thursdays of each week fare from Richmond to Atlanta and return, only \$12.40; good for ten days from date of sale.

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DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE:

Leave Richmond 5.95 A. M. and 19:33 A. M.; arriving Atlanta next day at 5.20 A. M. and 4:99 P. M.

Remember, commencing October 1st, the Atlanta sleeper will be open at Union Depot at 9 P. M. This sleeper is placed in service especially for the benefit of the Richmond travelling public.

For other rates and information apply to

H. M. BOYKIN,

Passenger Agent,

636 cast Main street.

LADY THE

### Mrs. Fortesque Whittle's Sad Fate-The Result of a Gasoline Explo-

sion-Her Child and Paithful Nurse Injured-Latter Fatally Perhaps.

PETERSBURG, VA., October 30.-(Special.)-One of the most distressing accidents known in Petersburg in many occurred this morning shortly after II o'clock at the residence of Mr. Fortesque Whittle, at the corner of Adams and Marshall streets, Mr. Whittle left his happy family at the usual hour for business this morning, and went to Richmond on the 10:25 train, expecting to return to his household in the afternoon. Instead he returned on a special train to find his wife dead and the youngest of

his children badly injured. BURNED TO DEATH, Shortly after It o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded, and the department quickly responded. The alarm proceeded from the residence of Mr. Fortesque Whittle, where, before the arrivat of the department, a sad scene of death and injury had occurred.

It seems that in the library of the residence Mrs. Whittle was engaged in cleaning some articles with gasoline, a cleaning some articles with gasoline, a can of which had but recently been brought and placed in the room. There were present besides Mrs. Whittle Miss Lucy Stone, an intimute acquaintance, Anna Claiberne, the trusted colorest murse, and the youngest child of Mrs. Whittle. How the accident occurred is not definitely known. It is thought, however, that the vapor from the volutile oil had filled the room and was set. ever, that the vapor from the volutile oil had filled the room and was set ablaze and exploded by the fire in the grate, causing a fame, which set fire to the clothing of all of the inmates of the rooms, Mrs. Whittle evidently met a very quick death, her body being found burned almost beyond recognition. She was, doubtless, enveloped in flames by the explosion of the gas, and sank at once beneath the effects.

Mr. A. W. Burgess, a letter-courier

Mr. A. W. Burgess, a letter-currier who was delivering mail in the vicinity at the time, was almost the first person to enter the house.

lie makes the following statement:
"I was unlocking the letter-box at the corner of Marshall and Sycamore streets, when I heard a noise and some one scream 'murder!' Saw Miss Lucy Stone, with semething in her arms, run across the street, I ran down to Mr. Whittle's residence and met the surse coming out residence and met the nurse coming out of the door, screaming and wringing her hands. I went into the hall and tried to enter the library, but the smoke was so dense I became stified and was forced to retire. I came back out on the street and met Mr. Harcourt Lees and said to him, 'Come in quick and let's find if there is any one else here.' Mr. Lees ran upstairs and I ran across the street and asked Miss Lucy Storie who else was there. She said Mrs. Whittle was in the library. Mr. Lees and myself tried again to enter the room, although the smoke was still very dense, He entered the back door and I went through the front door. After the smoke had cleared away so we After the smoke had cleared away so we could see, we found Mrs. Whittle behind the door, her clothes burning. When we reached her she was still alive. A colored man entered the room about that time

ed man entered the room about that time with a pan of water in his hands. We told him to throw some on the burned lady's clothing. As he did so she gave two gasps. I turned and met Mr. Lees. "From her position behind the door I should say she was in the act of rushing from the room, but was blinded by the smoke and could not find the door, and thus perished in the flames."

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Miss Lucy Stone seized the baby and rushed from the room, her clothes being ablaze. She was, fortunately, met by a gentieman who succeeded in quenching her burning clothes, and she was sent to her home for treatment. She was severely burned about the hands, arms, and face, but it is hoped not seriously. The child was also very expedit to her home.

FATALLY, PERHAPS. The colored nurse. Anna Claiborne, for many years a faithful attendant in the family, was very badly, and, it is feared,

family, was very badly, and, it is feared, fatally burned.

Mr. Whittle, shortly after his arrival in Richmond, was informed of the arcident, and returned to his bereaved home as soon as he could secure a special engine. His venerable father, Blabop F. M. Whittle, came over on a later train, Mrs. Whittle was the daughter of Mr. H. L. Plummer, of this city. She leaves three children—two boys and a girl. The two former happened to be away from home at the time of the accident. She was a most lovable wife and Christlan lady, and widely known and respected. Miss Lucy Stone is one of the most popular young ladies in the city, and her misfortune causes general regret.

The terrible accident has been the

The terrible accident has been the cause of sorrowful comment all day.

LATEST PROM THE SUFFERERS. PETERSBURG, October 30.-(Special.)-The condition of Miss Stone and the infant child of Mrs. Whittle are regarded as favorable to a recovery to-night, as

# infant child of Mrs. Whittle are regarded as favorable to a recovery to-night, as both are resting well, and the physicians in attendance have pronounced them out of danger. Anna Claiborne, the colored nurse, is sinking very rapidly, and her death is expected momentarily. Special Sleeper to Atlanta Via Sea-

board Air-Line. Commencing October 1st the Scaboard Air-Line will put on a through steeper from Richmond to Atlanta, via the famous "Atlanta Special." This sleeper will be opened at the Union Depot at 9 o'clock at night (train leaving at 13:35), thus enabling parties going to the exposition to get a good night's rest, and arrive in Atlanta at 4:09 P. M. the following day.

ing day.
By this arrangement passengers to the this arrangement passengers to the exposition can leave Richmond via the Seaboard Air-Line and go through to At-lanta without change of cars, and is the only line offering such exceptional ad-

vantages.

For further information apply to H. M. Boykin, passanger agent, No. 236 east Main street.

### The King of Pacers, "JOHN R. GENTRY."

"JOE PATCHEN" "JOE PATCHEN"
will race at Reidsville, N. C., during the Rockingham County Pair. Tickets for this occasion will be sold by the Southern railway to Reidsville on October 26th to November 1st, good until November 1th, at \$5.28 round-trip.

For time-tables and other information call at city passenger office, No. 20 east Main street.

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Rockingham County Fair.

OCTOBER STH-NOVEMBER IST. OCTOBER 27H-NOVEMBER IST.
The Southern railway will sell tickets
to Reidsville, N. C., and return on October 25th to November 1st, inclusive, good
until November 4th, at 52.5. This will
enable the public to see the great race
between the king of pacers, John R. Gentry, and Joe Patchen.
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J. C. HORTON,
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